Reservation facility under Northern Railway

1925. SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the *Minister of RAILWAYS* be pleased to state :

(a) whether return journey reservation facility is available at certain places under Northern Railway in Delhi;

(b) if so, the names of these places with names of places of country connected with this facility for return journey reservation;

(c) whether Government propose to provide return journey reservation facility at reservation-cum-booking offices functioning at Parliament House and Rail Bhawan as a step to further enlarge the existing facilities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Return Journey facility is available at the Computerised Reservation Offices of IRCA New Delhi / Delhi Main / Sarojini Nagar / Nizamuddin / Kirti Nagar/Delhi Shahdara / Karkardooma / Parliament House / Railway Board / Baroda House/ International Tourist Bureau / New Delhi station from Lucknow, Bhopal, Jammu Tawi, Amritsar, Jodhpur Jn., Gorakhpur, Bikaner, Ambala, Kanpur, Allahabad, Varanasi, Jaipur and Agra Cantt. Further, return journey facility in respect of the trains falling within the ambit of Bombay, Calcutta and Madras Passenger Reservation Systems viz., ex. Bombay Central, Bombay VT, Ahmedabad, Pune, Dhanbad, Howrah, Asansol, Guwahati, Patna, Cuttack, Bhubaneswar, Visakhapatnam, Madras, Manglore, Banglore, Trivandrum Central, Tiruchirapalli, Madurai, Coimbatore and Ernakulam is available on the nominated terminals at IRCA, Delhi Main and Sarojini Nagar Reservation Offices in Delhi area. Besides, return journey quotas have been provided in some trains which originate from some other stations which have not been provided with computerised reservation facility.

(c) and (d) As stated in answer to part (b) of the question, return journey reservations facility from various stations mentioned therein is already available at Parliament House and Rail Bhawan and further extension of the facility is not envisaged at present.

Direct rail link between South and Batala in Punjab

1926. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Batala, an industrial town of Punjab which previously had direct rail link with the South does not have a direct link now;

(b) if so, by when the direct link of Batala town with the South will be restored; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) to (c) While Batala is linked with South by B. G. line, there has been no direct train between Batala and South for want of adequate through traffic.

Report of the Expert Committee for Commercial Exploitation of surplus Railway land

1927. SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR YADAV 'RAVI' : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the expert committee constituted to examine the feasibility of commercial exploitation of surplus railway land, has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the broad details of the recommendations of the committee; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.